value of clearances of all exciseable goods did not exceed Rs. 2 crores in the preceding financial year and do not exceed Rs. 2 crores in the current financial year in which the concessions are availed.

The limit of value of clearances of goods in a financial year for the purpose of obtaining a central excise licence has been prescribed at Rs. 15 lakhs.

(b) In his budget speech for 1990-91, the then Union Finance Minister proposed to re-introduce a Central Investment Subsidy for small scale units **in** rural areas and backward regions.

A proposal for Central Investment Subsidy for small scale units in rural areas and backward regions is under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries/ Departments.

Bills of **States pending assent by the President**

712. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of state bills, pending the assent of the President of India as on date; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) As on 28.2.1991, there were 70 State Bills requiring Presidential assent. Sate-wise information is given in the . enclosed Statement.

Of thesis, 44 Bills were pending for want of necessary clarifications from the concerned State Governments. The remaining were under various stages of consideration in consultation with the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

Statement

Pending Bills State-wise

States	No. of **Bills**
Andhra Pradesh	8
Assam	7
Bihar	3
Goa	2
Haryana	5
Himachal Pradesh	1
Karnataka	4
Madhya Pradesh	1
Manipur	6
Meghalaya	2
Orisa	3
Rajasthan	6
Sikkim	2
Tamil Nadu	6
Tripura	4
Utar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	S
Total:	70

Sick industrial units in Orissa

713. SHRI **JAGADISH JANI: Will** the PRIME **MINISTER be pleased to** state:

(a) what is the number of medium and small scale industria units in Orissa which fell sick as on the 31st **March,** 1990;

(b) the reasons of, the growing sickness of industrial units in that state;

(c) whether steps have been **taken by** Government to revive some of those **sick** units; and

(d) if so, the details of the small **and** medium sick units revived in Orissa as on 31st January; **1991?**